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RESULT OF TEST WORK IN ALLEN FAVORABLE; PIPE LINE IS NEEDED Conditions Better Although New

New Production Steadily Coming On, As Development of Proven Field Continues.

STATE LINE OIL CO.

Jewell Bend Section, North of Gainesville, May Prove to be a Pool.

(By I. P. Lord)

production is steadily coming on in Al- goes and with the release of men from len, there being no part of the proven the service. Influenza and material territory that new wells are not show- scarcity have made a marked impress ing up every week.

dependence, Kansas, has drilled in a ant producing fields this wildcat work fine well on the Martin farm, four miles is in the hands of a few of the larger south of Scottsville, along the Jackson companies which were prepared to carry Highway. This well was completed at out their programs despite labor and 350 feet and pay was reached at 53 feet material embargoes. under the shale. Oil filled the casing 70 feet and the bailer could not lower. The field report from the high-grade shall not try in these articles to pose as cross Tom's creek and its tributary of it below 40 feet. This is believed to be sections of the petroleum production an expert, nor do I seek free advertis- Rush Fork; Mud Lick Creek and its this well Captain Mahon will be obliged shows directly to the contrary from last field, but I do want the outside world Creek, which is the main drainage for to drill three offset wells, as his com- week's report. While there were 130 to know what is going on in Johnson the whole county. Big Paint Creek runs property.

brought in another big well on the farm barrels, as against 1,883 for the previous prospecting this field, or perhaps I articline crosses this creek six or seven of Mrs. J. W. Jewell, in the extreme interval. There were, however, 58 dry should say this part of the Eastern miles west of Paintsville and can be northern part of Allen county. This and gas wells during the past week, as Kentucky field, I shall have to give a seen very plainly indeed at Fish Trap. some gas and is considered a 200-bar- week. In the East-and this is true in knowledge and observation and partly throw on the south side of about 200 rel well. No. 1 on this lease at 256 feet large measure in other oil sections of from geologists who have visited and feet. From Fish Trap up and coming burned the rig. This well flowed down shut down as a result of scarcity of ma- company I have worked over the hills Blanton Branch, Gullett or Oil Branch, the creek for some time before it was torial and labor and the influence that almost foot by foot time again. Low Gap Branch and Little Paint shut in. This looks like one of the big the returns do not give a fair indication Any facts and information contained Creek. If you will observe the map company and is looking after the drill- up and more wells under way than at quire, and reports on wells and devel- Creek runs southwest. This makes the ing, holds the lease on the farm of G. any time for years. Given a return to opment work will be on a conservative two crecks run in opposite directions F. Jewell, joining on the east, where he normal operative conditions, and the re- basis. has drilled i na fine well and has seven sults will be more in keeping with the 250-barrel tanks completed. He will amount of work under way. start spudding in No. 2 on the latter lease this week.

## New Pool.

Bend, in Allen county, about four miles although winter camps have been erectnorth of the Gainesville pool. No. 2 on ed in the majority of the older fields of the Susan Moore is reported by McAn- the State. The latest increase in crude drews to be the largest well in Ken- prices is in the Lander grade, a 25-cent pany, of Louisville.

Kentucky and Coast Oil Company is spudding in No. 10 on the Dobbs farm east of Thermopolis, in the Red Basin at Petroleum. There are nine straight country. wells on this lease and drilled in at a depth of 80 to 100 feet. The other wells are on the pump and several tanks have been sold.

Bertram Bros. have three rigs on the Gus Holder farm, four miles south of Scottsville. This lease is also south of the Fisher pool and joins the McReynolds and Martin farms, where there are seven wells on the east.

## Important Test.

An important test at Nero, in the exothers.

C. C. Hustes; of Greencastle, Indiana, has a location on the Garrard farm, There were 28 completions during the ably they have said that the surface for- developed at that time, as several wells

The Monarch Oil Company, of

Oliver' farm on the south. son farm, in the Gainesville pool, are one well of 400 barrels initial output. known as The Great Paint Creek dome I have it from Mr. Jeffreys, an English flowing to tank. The production from Goose Creek had the largest number of which reaches its apex near the corner geologist of high repute, that he has these wells exceed the capacity of the completions-seven-but the oil produc- where Johnson, Magoffin and Morgan carefully examined one of these wells American pipe line. There is a rumor from was only 750 barrels. At the end counties join. This structure enters that in his opinion is still good for sevthat this pipe line will be increased in of the week there were 218 wells drill- Johnson county as a low, and in places eral harrels a day after having been size and unless this is done they can ing and 60 rigs up, a total of 287, a loss rather broad, anticline, but begins to abandoned and left open for many hardly expect to handle any more pro- of nine from the previous week. duction-than the wells on the Johnson

farm furnishes. Mr. Squires, of the Little, Dipper Oil

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# REPORTS INDICATE BETTER PRODUCTION

Work Has Slackened Considerably Review Shows,

NEW YORK, Nov. 25.—There has been an unusual number of good wells brought in during the interval since the previous report, some of them in sec-GETS GOOD PRODUCER tions which indicate the establishment of new pools, believed to exist, but now confirmed by the complexion of good wells in the vicinity of pioneer devel-

Labor and materials are still scarce, although this condition cannot but be remedied during the next few months SCOTTSVILLE, Ky., Nov. 29-New with the raising of production embarupon the amount of new work under The State Line Oil Company, of In- way, and in some of the more import-

Eastern Fields. a 50-barrel well. As a consequence of fields east of the Mississippi River ing for this section as a prospective oil tributary, Little Mnd Creek; Big Paint pany owns three leases joining this completions during the period, as county. In order that those who are into Big Sandy River at Paintsville, The Little Dipper Oil Company new production amounted to but 1,076 structure and progress made toward northwest course from Paintsville. The well was completed at 276 feet and has compared with 19 for the previous few details gained partly from my own where there is a fault with a downshot oil over the top of the mast and the country-there are so many wells worked over this section, and in whose in from the west arc Colvin Branch, wells in this county. Mr. Squires, of of what is being done. The facts of therein let me add with be in accord-Bowling Green, is interested in the the case are that there are more rigs ance with the best testimony I can actual runs northwest a long ways and Paint

## Wyoming.

Active work in Wyoming is slowing up appreciably because of the advent of There seems to be no question that winter conditions, which will put an end there is another large pool at Jewel to new work in the Big Horn Basin, tucky. No one knows the capacity of uplift to \$1.25. This grade of crude this well as the drill has not penetrated was bringing but 60 cents a barrel, but the oil sand, for when the bit cut demand was such that two refineries through the cap rock the oil shot over a took a hand in the price boost, the first hundred feet high and burned the rig. to \$1 and the second to \$1.25. Several This well has just flowed an 800-barrel good wells have been brought in of tank full in less than 48 hours. The late, one of 1,000 barrels and one of 600 lease is owned by the Pelican Oil Com- barrels being two of the more important. A new pool has been found through wildcat work about 12 miles

# Gulf Coast.

While the report of completions and Columbia and at Big Hill in Liberty Kentucky. county there is little recorded but routreme southwestern part of Allen countine work. Pipeline construction, howty, where a rig has been placed on the ever, is active throughout the entire orable surface formation for oil and at a time when there were no pipe Anthony farm by F. E. West and State, and the result of these additional facilities for the movement and market- over the county with nearly all the men was cheap. Had it not been for this ing of production will soon be manifest. who have visited the field and invari- the county would no doubt have been east of Bowling Green, in the vicinity week under consideration with 3,800 mation and indications are even better were struck that according to reliable barrels of new production; this com- than they had anticipated finding. So report produced from five to twelve Louisville, has purchased of A. G. 2.725 barrels of new oil during the structural conditions are conceded and information in regard to these wells, Braswell 80 acres joining the W. E. previous week. Humble with four com- that the people who know anything but the fact remains that they are here pletions and 2,255 barrels of new output about this section have had occasion to show for themselves and they are Nos. 6 and 2, on the Jim Reed John- heads the list, with Edgerly second with read and know of the extensive dome still full and some are overnowing of

## Mid-Continent.

The Kansas division of the Mid-Con-Company, says that he may put in his inent has a new pool in Cowley county,

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The Kentucky oil Exchange is very much interested in receiving immediate information in reference to any new wells brought in, in the Kentucky oil fields. A great many of the companies promptly notify the Exchange of their completions. but quite a few fail to send us this information. Notice of completions is very promptly posted on our board both in Lexington and Louisville, and are matters of great interest to hundreds of people who daily visit our Exchange. The companies interested will please immediately notify both our offices-one at the Phoenix-Hotel, Lexington, Ky., and the other at No. 134 South Fifth Street, Louisville, Ky. Our telephone at Lexington is 3964. Our telephone number at Louisville is Cumberland, Main 2624.

Of course this information will be used in the Oil World and be given out to the daily press in the different cities as received.

# ELEVEN MACHINES AT WORK IN JOHNSON COUNTY; FACTS AS TOLD BY AN OIL MAN WHO BELIEVES COUNTY WILL PRODUCE OIL

(By Ralph Stafford)

PAINTSVILLE, Ky., Nov. 29.-1 following up the structure you will against 63 for the previous week, the not familiar with the conditions as to and heads up in Morgan County a

> articles for publication in the Oil Creeks is very badly broken up. Fol-World I shall try to make them worthy lowing the anticline westward it of the high character and reputation of crosses Little Paint Creek and follows that publication, in so far as making up the slopes of Pigcon Creek, Hargis my statements authentic. And for the Creek and Mine Fork and after it benefit and information of any who turns over and down the other side of may be interested enough to follow up the dome you may trace the formation from week to week my articles I shall in a broad way by following down Racendeavor to outline some supplement coon Creek and Lick Creek and other tary explanations that will enable the tributuries of the Licking River. reader to know the situation.

> Johnson county lies in Eastern Kenand going westward toward Estill locations. county you start with Martin county; next in line is Johnson county; next is Magoffin, and then Wolfe and then Estill. The Chestnut Ridge anticline was followed on down through West Virginia and development work continued Berea, the Corniferous and other reguprofitably into Martin County, Kentucky. Thence for several reasons it jumped over into Estill.

'Johnson County is in a line with of new production in the coastal fields Martin and Estill counties, which in of Texas for the week is better than itself proves nothing as every place on other hand it is also true that several that of the previous period, still there carth is in line with every other place locations have been made in very unis much to be desired in the matter of if you draw the line in the right direct favorable spots. I shall take these lonew work. Wildcat operations in this tion. So I will tell you why we have an field are virtually suspended, with the oil field here or as I said before a part exception of the activities of a few of of an oil field which in my humble the larger companies. Even in West opinion covers a large area in Eastern

and geologists that there is a very fav- point of view. These wells were drilled gas in Johnson county, and I have been lines within a great distance. Also oil raise pretty rapidly just west of Paints- years. So these wells are another of other big stockholders. ville and it becomes broken and begins the convincing arguments that Johnson to show some faults about the center of county will be a productive field. the county. This structure has been so For the past two years there has been generally talked of that I presume it is matter of common knowledge. In

and the branches named lie between. As I expect to continue these small The country between the two Paint

Please bear the names of these creeks in mind and you will soon have no tucky, and Paintsville is its county seat. trouble in knowing position of any Beginning at the West Virginia border present locations of wells or proposed

The next reason I have for believing in this county is the fact that the drillng that has been done proves that we have the underground formations. We strike the Big Lime, the Big Injun, the lar formations on regular schedules. As to the result of the drilling I must confess that it has been in a way somewhat of a disappointment as the showngs of oil have been small, but on the what production has been found, etc.

A good many years ago there were several wells drilled in what seems more favorable locations than some of It is generally conceded by oil men the later drillings from a structural

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# KENTUCKY OIL EXCHANGE EASTERN KENTUCKY OIL OPENS LOUISVILLE OFFICE FIELDS ACTIVE DURING

Interest Manifested in Oil Securities by Citizens and Investors of the Falls City.

LOUISVILLE , Ky., Nov. 29.-The opening of the offices of the Kentucky Oil Exchange here in Louisville at No. 134 South Fifth Street, was a matter of McCOMBS GETS BIGGEST great interest to those who are interested in oil securities in Louisville and vicinity. The Exchange has installed a board, upon which are daily posted quotations in oil stocks and latest news from the Kentucky oil fields, and this has attracted a great deal of attention. Perhaps no place in Kentucky is as much interested in the development that in the Kentucky fields, 27 wells having s now going on in Kentucky as are the been completed in Eastern Kentucky. citizens of Louisville. It may be of in- with no dry holes and a new production terest to the readers of the Oil World of 1,380 barrels. Field work is being to know that several millions of dollars rushed wherever possible under the has already been invested by Louisville handicap of a labor shortage, as winter people in oil stocks and leases. Louis- weather will soon cause a partial cessaville believes in the oil industry of the tion of activity, since operating in the state of Kentucky and is backing its mountainous sections is extremely diffi-

he Kentucky oil fields have their head- week were those of the McCombs Proquarters here. A great deal of space is ducing and Refining Company in Lecused in the Louisville daily papers in county. No. 3 on the Hargis tract is advertising oil securities of all kinds estimated at 250 barrels, and No. 3 Rene and this has naturally attracted great Butcher at 400 barrels. Both of these attention to oil stocks. The Louisville wells are flowing. The production bepapers, both morning and afternoon, ing obtained on these leases justifies the are undoubtedly interested in the news opinion of the management that the from the oil fields, and if they can get tracts would more than pay the initial hold of reliable information they would investment in a short time, the leases be only too glad to keep their sub- having been recently purchased for scribers informed as to the daily pro-\$261,000. No. 4 Hargis and No. 4 gress of development. What these Butcher are due in the first of aext papers want is reliable news. Your cor- week. respondent knows of no more fertile field for the sale of oil securities and bia Oil and Gas Company's No. 3 E. S leases tha nin Louisville at the present Moore, is credited with 20 barrels. time. The main trouble of course is The Obio Oil Company, drilling at that hundreds of citizens of Louisville No. 10 Charles Evelyth, got a well nd vicinity have been induced to purvalue, having heen imposed upon by lafter a shot. hrewd salesmen. Of course these people who have been "taken in" are pany, drilling at No. 2 Henry Shoe "knockers" and very naturally so. How- maker, has completed a well rated at ever, in spite of these difficulties the better than to barrels. This is north of business men of Louisville are vitally Airdale. interested in the oil production in the Southwest of the Shoemaker well, E State of Kentucky and if treated fairly K. White got a well rated at 5 barrels Louisville should become a great mar- ahead of production. Definite inforket for the oil industry in Kentucky.

While the lobbies of the hotels in The Southern Oil Company of Lec Louisville are apparently not as full of county is rigging up for No. 2 Laura oil men as the lobbies of the hotels in Lane, offsetting No. 2 Henry Shoe-Winchester and Lexington, yet daily maker. hundreds of people visit Louisville to | The National Refining Company has consult bankers and brokers, thereby a producer credited with too barrels or showing their interest in the oil game, better at No. 9 on the tract of the Fla-

the readers of the Oil World posted low. weekly upon the outlook here and any Frank Craig and others have a good news items sent into the offices of the well at No. 2 John Lawson at the head Oil World at No. 131 South Fifth of Bald Rock Fork. Street will be greatly appreciated and The Kentana Oil Company at work promptly forwarded to the Oll World at No. 2 Fraley farm is down 700 feet. for publication.

# SALE OF COMET OIL **COMPANY IS DENIED**

pany, Says He Still Holds His Interest.—Rumors Untrue.

Rumors of the sale of the Comet (iil completed a 30-barrel producer at No. Company, to the Stanton Oil Company, 15 L. C. Roberts. afloat during the past week in Lexing- | The Oil City Trust Company, at ton, were denied Friday by C. D. Prati, work at No. 2 Robert McKinley, has Secretary of the Comet Oil Company, A. F. West, trustee for the Arvin when visited by a representative of the Oil Company, has finished a 25-barrel Oil World. Mr. Pratt declared that producer at No. 7 Arvin Heirs. such rumors were absurd, in view of On the Lee Congleton farm, the pares with 17 new, completions and I take it for granted that the favorable barrels a day. It is hard to get accurate the fact that the Comet Oil Company is a publicly owned concern, and it was On a section of the A. J. Stevens not in his power to sell.

> interest in the Company," Mr. Pratt de- man Qil Company, drilling on the same clared, yesterday, "but none of the of- farm, is held up to account of influence. fers have been acceptable." He refused Vancey, Fred G. Stilz and others sucto discuss the rumored deal invoiving feeding the Duquesne Oil Company, any Comet Oil Company stock, held by have an 8-barrel producer at No. 5

C. A. Wheatley, who owns consider-

# WEEK: 27 COMPLETIONS

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New Production of 1,380 Barrels Daily in Mountain Counties During Past Seven Days.

WELLS OF THE WEEK Activity Noted in Lee, Breathitt,

Estill, Powell, Wolfe, Lawrence

and Elliott Counties. The past week has been an active one

A number of companies operating in | The best wells reported during the

On the E. S. Moore farm, the Colum-

credited with 100 barrels or better. No chase oil securities of very doubtful 18 is credited with the same production

The Atlantic Oil Producing Com-

mation on this well is lacking.

Your correspondent expects to keep haven Land Company in Houck's 11ol-

This is on Hell Creek. In the same section, the Ohio Oil

The W. P. Williams Oil Corporation has completed No 2 on the Miller heirproperty, rated at 20 barrels.

Company's No. 4 Olinger is due in next

# Estill County.

cations up in detail later on and tell C. D. Pratt, Secretary of the Com-! In Estill county, Ross Creek section. the Station Camp Oil Company, drilling at No. 8 Frank Callahan, has completed a 10-barrel well.

The Bent Hickory Oil Company has

a well rated at 10 barrels.

Bankers Oil Company has a 15-barrel well at No. 4.

farm, Wood Daugherty has completed "I have received several offers for my No. 1, rated at 20 barrels. The Thra-

> 11. J. Schierich, S. S. Yantis, Hogan Hugh Bowles.

In the Rayenna district, the Tidal Oil Company's Nos. 20, 30, 31 and 32 A. 1. able stock in the Comet Oil Company, Redway, are rated at to barrels each. was in the field Friday and could not The same company has a 2-barrel well at No. 6 Isaac Henry.

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### GREAT ORGANIZATION.

In the tremendous upheaval of industry in the United States following an enforced conservation of materials and centralization of effort to provide for Government and Allied demands and at the same time to insure the operation of essential industries without check or hindrance where there were periods during which there was a more or less general outcry against measures and men called into official being by the war exigencies of the situation.

It was a test of new ideas and of new men, of discarding long-tried methods and of substituting new; of seeking to so conserve available materials that demands should be met until new production brought output up to consumptive

There were conspicuous examples of individual success-and of individual failure; there were experiments which proved unsatisfactory, and expedients which when tested under working stress proved more than equal to the strain. Out of the temporary chaos of the first few months of the war have come crystallized industrial precepts and methods which will become permanent factors in American industry.

One of the most conspicuous examples of the ability of an industry to meet war-time demands has been given by the petroleum producers, refiners and distributers of the nation. Shorthanded, for months without needed material, and subject to the whims of transportation and priority boards the petroleum men of the nation forgot past grievances and past jealousies and, ion of the Fuel Administration under given the "wildcatter." Mr. Requa, achieved one of the most entire war period.

divisional work of the Administrationthe stimulation of production, equable distribution of crude oil and products, improvement of transportation facilities, maintenance of reasonable prices, prevention of unfair practices, provision of oil well supplies-were expert petroleum men. In some instances they gave up their other business relations without a question at no small monetary cost to themselves; others came from well-carned retirement to private life to devote their knowledge to soluauce to the Government. The deciding factor with them was the extent of the Government need.

successful conclusion. Already sevcral sections of the Oil Division have completed the tasks undertaken and bave been released at their own request from further service. Others are soon to be released, notably the Federal Oil Director, of the Pacific Coast, Mr. Folsom, who leaves the work January 1; Director Day of the Boreau of Oil Well Supplies, who has resigned as of date of December 15; Director Wilbams of the Bureau of Technology, who returns to take charge of the mining operations of one of the largest prothe Bureau of Production; S. A. Gui-Richard Wotowich of the Bureau of Export Licenses; A. C. Woodman of the Bureau of Lubricauts and Foreign Requirements—these are either about to cease or have ceased active work. The Bureau of Prices and Licenses under A. C. Maguire, and the Bureau of Statistics under F. J. Silsbee are soon to end their labors' also.

Director Mark L. Requa still remains "on the job," together with some of his most able assistants, and no time has been set for the cessation of his activities.

Few not connected intimately with the petroleum industry realize what these men lave dore, and the part they have so unselfishly played in winning the war. Much of the work accomplished has of necessity been without flourish of trumpets, though the public and the manufacturing consumers have sounded reclarion of protest at times sufficiently loud to have drowned the

# MARKET LETTER

KENTUCKY OIL EXCHANGE

NOVEMBER 30th, 1918. OPEN FOR TRADING IN ALL OIL STOCKS

Stocks Listed With Us Receive Prompt Attention

,	Last	Last	•	Last	Last	1	Last	
	Bid.	Asked.	, '	Bid.	'Asked.		Bid.	. Asked
Alakyla	*****	1.00	Geo. Washington		.40	Old Dominion	115.00	130.00
Arrowhead	· /	.65	Hecla	*****	1.00	Oleum Refining	*****	3.75
Barnett	.25	.31	Henry Clay	*****	.50	Pan-American _		.75
Bankers Oil	1.50	1.90	High Gravity		.16	Petroleum Exp		30.00
Banner		.30	Himyar		1.45	•		4.75
Barrick-Ky		.65			1	Peerless		
Big Four		6.00	Hoffman		5.00	PennKy		5.50
Big Six			\$2.00 Refund		3.00	Puritan	*****	.95
Big Bird O.&G.	25.00	30.00	\$2.50 Refund	*****	3.25	Planet	*****	.85
Bonanza		.75	\$3.00 Refund	*****	4.00	Pyramid	1.35	1.60
Blue Ridge		.50	Hopewell Pet	*****	150.00	Quaker		.40
Bourbon O.&D	`	2.00	Ky. Fuel & Oil	12.50	20.00	Republic		.20
Colonial1			Ky. Nat. Pet		7.00	Rex Oil	92.50	100.00
Cherokee		.40	•			Snowden O. & G		40.00
Comet		1.25	Ky. Colonels		.85	Security P. & R.	•••••	.45
Cosden		7.15	Lex. Oil Corp		1.30	Sturgis		1.25
Co-operators		1.00	Laurel O. & G5	00.00	600.00	Southern O. Lee	*****	225.00
Crown		.20	Lincoln	•••••	.85	Stanton	1.85	2.15
Cumb. P. & R		.25	Local O. & G		1.25	Station Camp	*****	1.50
Day Oil		1.50	Louisville O.&D.	•••••	.50	Studebaker		- 1.00
Daw		1.00	McCombs	•••••	2.00	Sturgeon Creek		
Estill-Lee	*****	60.00	Monarch V. Pet	*****	1.00	Traders		.75 4
Erie	0.000-11	6.50	May Day	••••	1.00	Trinity	•••••	1.75
Farmers Oil	*****	1.50	Mason-Dixon	*****	1.00	Thraman		
Federal	2.00	2.25	Montezuma	•••••	1.00	W. P. Williams		1.75
An investion	tion of	the farm	tractor situation in the	e IIni	ted States	has just been con	nleted	hv the

An investigation of the farm tractor situation in the United States has just been completed by the Office of Farm Equipment Control. It was desired to obtain accurate information regarding the status of the farm tractor industry in order to determine what action would be necessary to facilitate an adequate and equitable distribution of tractors throughout the country. The investigation was made pursuant to the President's proclamation of May 14, 1918, relating to the farm equipment industry, which was issued under authority of the Food Control act of August 10, 1917. In connection with this investigation a report was received from every tractor manufacturer in this country concerning the number of tractors manufactured and their distribution between January 1, 1916, and July 1, 1918.

A summary of these reports shows that in 1916 American manufacturers produced 29,670 tractors and in 1917, 62,742. For the first six months of the present year this output jumped to 58,543, making a total for the two and one-half years of 150,955. Of these tractors 27,819 were sold to American farmers in 1916 and fewer than 2,000 to exporters. In 1917, 49,504 went to Americans farms and 14,854 to exporters. Of the 1918 half year's output 15,610 went abroad.

The above information is of great interest to oil producers generally, as it proves conclusively what the Kentucky Oil Exchange has been claiming for sometime—i. e., that the use of tractors for farm work will in a short while demand as much gasoline for propelling power as the automobile does at the present

Our information also is that the overseas demand for motor transport grade of gasoline has increased rather than diminished since the signing of the armistice. Aviation demands for gasoline have also greatly increased. These factors as well as domestic requirements will necessarily have a considerable bearing on any decision as to whether it is desirable to fix a standard quality for domestic motor gasoline. The question of a domestic standard has been under consideration for some time.

We are also informed that the United States authorities have come to the conclusion that the developunder the supervision of the Oil Divis- ment of new oil territory should be permitted without restriction, and that every encouragement should be

Locally, great interest is still shown in the future development of Breathitt County. The well brought brilliant productive successes of the in last week on the Big Bird lease in Breathitt is still attracting marked attention, and it is no exaggeration to state that hundreds of oil men have visited the well for the purpose of getting first hand information in True, one reason for this success was reference to it. No further news has been furnished the Exchange in reference to the well except that the the fact that the men in charge of the gas in the well has shown a marked decline and that the oil is probably standing in the hole about 1,100 feet, but not flowing as reports had it.

> The HIMYAR declared its usual 5 per cent. monthly dividend this week. The LEXINGTON OIL CORPORATION declared a 1 per cent. dividend. There has been considerable activity in COMET on account of the report that the majority holdings of its stock are being sought by the Stanton people. That those directly interested in the Stanton properties are buying Comet seems a well established fact. The stock, however, is moving in very narrow channels, selling on the average at \$1.15 per share.

The "Flu" situation in the mountains of Kentucky still continues serious. This disease is having a very marked effect on drilling operations. While the "Flu" seems to be well under control, at the same time it will probably take weeks to get back to a normal basis as far as drilling is concerned.

The Kentucky Oil Exchange is pleased to announce that Mr. Wm. Bell, Financial Editor of the Courier-Journal and Louisville Times, has accepted a position with the Exchange in Louisville. The entering of business men of the standing of Mr. Bell into active participation in the oil industry of Kentucky speaks tion of problems of no small import-volumes for the outlook of the oil interests in the state generally.

Nineteen completions were reported to the Exchange up to and including Friday. Six of these compiletions were in Estill County and averaged from 8 to 300 barrels. Ten completions were reported from see county from 5 to 400 barrels. Two were reported from Powell county, one of 20 and one of 50 bar-And now their work is approaching a | rels. and one from Wolfe county of 100 barrels.

The pipe line runs for the week were 92,634.53 barrels. .

the industry itself.

NEW YORK EXPORTS

vision and the hearty co-operation of was hailed by shipping circles as a kerosene for domestic consumption hopeful sigu of an early removal of during the winter period, the Fuel ad-The Oil World congratulates the in- governmental restriction of ship man- ministration has made an additional dustry upon its achievements, but it agement and operations. Tonnage made plea for oil conservation of the United doubly congratulates the men who made available by the suspension of transpor- States as to the reduction in the consuch achievements possible only at per- tation of war materials from South sumption of kerosene. The advance of sonal loss. Whatever may be the final America will be free to proceed at once the season has resulted in no change verdict as to details of war-time con- in commercial traffic. Otherwise no one as to the volume of gasoline sales, and servation and production achievement appears to make a prediction as to how there can be but one opinion as to the soon the tonnage situation would asducing companies; T. A. O'Donnell of efficiency, the public spirit and the same a better aspect, as the Federal movement of oil overseas. It is reportpatriotic devotion of the men of the Shipping Board had made it known that ed that government orders for aviation berson, Jr., of the Bureau of Pipelines; petroleum industry, whether of the Oil no immediate change should be looked motor fuel are cancelled covering some Division, the National Petroleum War for. They believe that transatlantic 50,000 barrels monthly, according to ad-Service Committee, or the producer, re- freights would have a better chance to firer, jobber or transportation man, move, because of a discontinuance of vices from Tulsa, Oklas There is a without whom the Government's pro- munition 'exports, but this fact lacks shortage in lubricating oil, particularly duction and military and naval pro- confirmation. There will be a great cylinder supplies and blended oils, due grams would have been seriously han-shortage of tonnage in all directions to a constant active domestic and exdicapped. In many respects their efforts' during the next six or seven months. were the most conspicuously successful Railroad terminals in this port indicate of any war-time industrial 'readjust- that tonuage condition has undergone no improvement alespite the fact, that the federal government claims to be utilizing every effort to prevent congestion of ocean-going freight. Australia feels the tonnage shortage keenly, having suffered about 30 per cent. decrease of the scarcity of tonnage, due partly to the diversion of shipping for war purposes.

Apparent changes in the petroleum NEW YORK, Nov. 15 .- Aside from industry with the establishment of peace steady movement of petroleum over- relative to foreign trade relations is beseas and a moderate increase in the coming momentous. During the reconvolume of export orders for the week, struction period abroad, petroleum no developments of unusual interest ap- products bid to be an important factor, modest publicity of the members of the peared on the surface of the market, as the demand promises to be unprece-Oil Division. Their announcements The increase in export orders has been dented for several years to come, dur- incorporated by V. V. Adams, J. T. have been only such as were necessary principally confined to illuminating oil ing which period the principal problem to acquaint the industry with the end in bulk and lubricating oils. The an-, before the industry will not be one of to be accomplished—and this end has nouncement from Washington that Sec- competition, but of supplying the grow- pose of developing holdings in the been achieved through the intelligent retary of the Navy Daniels had raised ing increase for petroleum products. | Eastern Kentucky section.

direction of the officials of the Fuel Di- the ban on the publication of ship news | The broadening of the demand for

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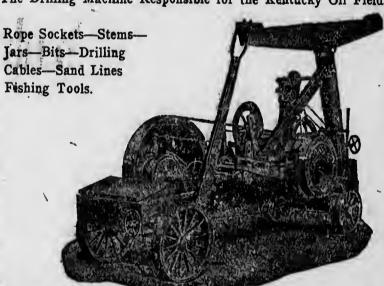
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# ORGANIZED AT IRVINE M'CLURKIN BUYS 112

and Parrish Tract Said to Have Been \$35,000.

It was learned yesterday that J. H. McClurkin has bought the 112-acre ease known as the Gourley, Sutton and Harris tract in Lee county, from the Southwestern Petroleum Company. The consideration is undertsood to be

This tract is at the head of Big Sinking Creek, about 4 miles southwest of Torrent and is surrounded with good production. The wells of Taylor, South and Hay on Profit heirs farm and the Jack Wells farm are on the north, Pe-Fallsburg ...... 398.90 troleum Exploration Company and Cooper ...... 807.39 Frank B. Russell on the east and the

Mr. McClurkin will develop this lease and has one rig now drilling and expects to start another outfit as soon as material can be hauled to the location. He already owns and controls about 450 acres in that district and has Pilot ..... 5,321.38 various properties.

Pilot ...... 6,888.27 Mr. Thos. F. White, an experienced Zachariah ...... 3,958.31 oil operator, of Prairie Depot, Ohio, Big Sinking ...... 3,762.63 agement of Mr. McClurkin's operations 

### Salt Lick ...... 301,28 REPORTS INDICATE BETTER PRODUCTION

(Continued from Page One) which has forced up lease prices and created considerable excitement. The average production of the Kansas fields for the week was 107,800 barrels, of to El Dorado. The October field report Lexington, Ky. shows a total of 382 completions, with 15,354 barrels of new production, 78 dry

holes and 28 gas wells. There were 170

135 E, Main St., Lexington, Ky. of the month.

the Mervine pools. At Garber one com- the tankers are generally in the Govern- Paint Creek at Staffordsville, about pleted well started flowing at the rate ment service and private concerns look three miles west of Paintsville. of 130 barrels an hour of the highest for no immediate widespread relief grade oil, while in the Mervine pool from long-continued embargo. Service work that has been done and results ACRE TRACT IN LEE grade oil, while in the Mervine pool from long-continued embargo. Service work that has been done and results two large wells—one of 1,800 barrels restoration is assured eventually, but for past two years; the different comand one of 1,400 barrels during the first until the flood of slipments of rebuild- panies that own leases in this county; 24 hours-were brought in. In the Gar- ing material for overseas diminishes the and a detailed report of what drilling is Consideration For Gourley, Sutton ber field there are now nine wells on change back to ante-bellum conditions top of the sand waiting to be drilled in. Several 250-barrel and 300-barrel wells there is no change in prices or in genare also included in the record of the eral market conditions. week. Okmulgee got a number of big gassers and also several wells ranging ELEVEN MACHINES AT from 300 barrels production down. Kay county also got some good ones; in fact, the entire report from the Oklahoma section of the Mid-Continent was quite a bit of activity here. Prospectthe best for some time past.

### North Louisiana.

The completion of a well rated at from 1,000 to 1,500 barrels in the Dolet prosecution of the work. There has Lake district of Caddo North Louisiana, seems to verify the fact than an important new pool has been found therc. The daily average production of been found on Barnett's creek, another paying gas wells in Johnson county, lothe North Louisiana field during the western tributary of Big Paint Creek, cated well up on the domes and some week was 45,500 barrels, of which amount 16,850 barrels is credited to the old Caddo, De Soto and Red River Ohio Fled Oil Company on the south fields-this is light oil-while the balance, 28,650 barrels of heavy oil, is credited to the Pine Island district. The | Phone 397-X best wells of the week, one of 800 barrels and one of 1,200 barrels, were completed in sections 15-21-15. A number of good gas wells, one of 15,000,000 cubic feet capacity, were also completcd. There were II completions for the week, with a new production of 2,810 barrels, a gain in completions of seven and a gain in new production of 2,285

### Texas Panhandle.

The Texas Panhandle shows an off weck as far as new production and finished wells are concerned. The amount of new work undertaken is almost a record. There were but 26 completions for the week, as against 31 the week before, while the new production dropped from 12,037 barrels to 3,135 barrels. In the 57 counties of the Panhandle field today there are 215 rigs, which amount 68,000 barrels is credited 803 drilling wells, many of which are approaching the productive sand.

### Refined Products.

There is no material change in the rigs up and 486 wells drilling at the end refined products markets. Demand for gasoline still continues unabated, and There has been a sudden increase in the demand for all grades of refined the production of crude petroleum in holds steady without diminution, with several large welst in the Garber and in general oil shipment conditions, since

must of necessity be gradual. Locally

# WORK IN JOHNSON

(Continued from Page One) ing has been carried on with considerable system and the information gained should be of great help in the further not been a hole put down but what showed oil or gaz. The best showings Colvin Branch, and on the main Big of them are going into the line.

In the next article I shall give the at present going on. In regard to present drilling will state briefly that there are at present cleven machines and rigs drilling in this county, located as follows: One on Pigcon Creek; one on Tick Lick Creek; one on Jennie's Creck; one on Colvin Branch; one on Upper Big Paint Creek; one on Laurel Creek, near Red Bush; two further down Laurel Creek; one near Flat Gap, and one on lower Paint Creek, about three miles west of Paintsville (just moving to location); also one on Har-

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of the duties of the administration will as well as using its good offices in the the several fields of activity. be retained until these duties are dis- elimination of unfair practices or charged or until the administration is profiteering in the sale thereof. relieved of them, and continuation of the larger activities of the administration through the winter was said to be the present prospect."

Mark L. Requa, who has been the very active and efficient general director of the Oil Division, is making no plans He made a sacrifice of at least \$40,000 for the future. What he sees as the best course to be pursued for the future of the oil industry in this country, with consideration of world conditions and world needs, will be told probably at win the war. the reconstruction meeting of the Chamber of Commerce of the United the production of crude oil; met the States, in Atlantic City, starting December 3. Oil Director Requa will make one of the principal addresses and will be able for the first time since he took charge of the petroleum affairs to help win the war to handle the subject only and frankly as a man of vision and practical experience giving his best judgment for the benefit of the industry and national welfare.

As Soon as Possible.

It can be stated with authority that what, if any, extensions or additions to the Oil Division is going out of exist- the existing pipelines should be made ence as soon as its affairs can be wound in order to handle new or increased up in a proper way. The ohligation to production with a view to preventing perform its deputed functions rests unnecessary duplication of pipelines; to upon the Oil Division just as long as work over and secure the proper co orthe Lever bill is in effect, and that does dination of pipeline resources so as to not ecase to operate until the President increase the movement of oil to points has promulgated the fact that peace has where it was most essential for the been signed.

The activities of the Oil Division have comprised the following: Stimulation of the production of

crude petroleum. Equitable distribution of its refined products.

Increase and improvement of transportation facilities.

Provision for an ample supply of such products for the use of the army, navy, shipping board and the needs of the Allies. Assurance as far as possible for an

adequate and uninterrupted supply for dealing with the production and reall industries essential to the prosecu- fining of petroleum. tion of the war. Consideration of prices to the end

that fair and reasonable prices might be maintained

Prevention of unfair and improper trade practices.

Assisting the industry to organize itself in helping to win the war.

There never was any intention on the part of Director Requa that existing channels of trade should be interfered with except in so far as might be necessary to accomplish the results stated above.

Some of the sections which are going Some Sections Involved. out of existence as stated by Dr. Gar-

Federal oil director fo rthe Pacific coast, D. M. Folsom, of San Francisco,

who has resigned as of January 1. The Federal oil director for the Pa-

cific coast represented the General Director upon the Pacific coast, attended the meetings of the Pacific Coast Petroleum War Service Committee, and was the poitn of contact through which this division reached the petroleum industry upon the Pacific coast. His general supervision extended over the ferritory served by the California distributing companies, and he executed in that territory whatever orders, rules or regulations relating to oil were promulgated by the Fuel Administration in

Bureau of Oil Well Supplies, G. E. Day, Director, has resigned of Dec. 15. He had for years been retired from business and was commandeered from private life by Director Requa to meet an emergency.

The term "oil well supplies" was used to designate any and all commodities, Probably the next two to go will be the tools, machinery, equipment or repair parts used in and around oil and gas fields, pumping stations, railroads and refineries, in the production or pipeline transportation of oil and natural gas.

This bureau has had to do with all matters pertaining to the production of oil well supplies in quantities adequate to meet the needs of the industry as well as the equitable distribution of same in proportion to the relative and varying requirements in the respective

The activities of this bureau have been largely preventive, requiring first a thorough knowledge as to the extent and location of, existing supplies and the provision for a continuous and adequate supply of raw materials necessary in their manufacture; the end acted upon applications for licenses.

War Service committees.

Bureau of Production.

Bureau of Production, T. A. O'Donnell, director. Mr. O'Donnell absolutely cut himself away from many important personal interests to accept this position with the Oil Administration. a year, and this was mentioned by Director Requa in a letter to Fuel Administrator Garfield as one of the finest examples of personal sacrifice to help

The Bureau of Production supervised producers throughout the country; urged co-operation and patriotic effort to the end that the national requirements might be fully met, both for domestic and overseas use; and advised as to all conditions affecting production.

Bureau of Pipelines, S. A. Guiberson, Ir., director.

The purpose of this bureaeu was to obtain the maximum efficiency through pipeline transportation, to determine manufacture of war supplies.

Bureau of Technology.

Bureau of Technology, W. A. Williams, director. Mr. Williams was formerly chief of the Petroleum Division, U. S. Bureau of Mines, but for more than a year prior to his service with the Oil Division of the Fuel Administration he was with the Doherty interests, to which he returns in charge of mining operations.

This bureau co-operated with the Bureau of Oil Well Supplies in passing upon applications for priority certificates, to the end that the use of essential materials for non-essential purposes might be eliminated to the maximum, and co-operated with the Capital issues Committee in passing upon applications for stock issues made to that committee by producing and refining

In addition to the above, the director of this bureau served as assistant to Mr. O'Donnell on oil production, with particular reference to all mid-continent problems.

Exports and Lubricants.

The Bureau of Export Licenses has been discontinued. Richard Wotowich, who acted with the War Trade Board in charge of this line of activities, will return to the Doherty interests.

The Bureau of Lubricants and Foreign Requirements, A. C. Woodman, director, is also going out of existence. Mr. Woodman will return to the Union Petroleum Company, of Philadelphia, of which he is an official.

This bureau formed the point of contact between the Oil Division and the Allied Nations, also the Army and Navy War Trade Board, covering the purchase and movement of petroleum supplies for overseas, and had to do with all matters concerning prices of all petroleum products for export, or for sale to the Allies.

It studied all matters concerning lubricating oils, including prices, whether for domestic or foreign use.

This is as far as the dissolution process has worked so far, but other lines of activity will soon cease to operate. Bureau of Prices and Licenses, of which A. C. Magnire, until recently a member of the National Petroleum War Service Committee, has been director, and the Bureau of Statistics, of which F. J. Silsbee is director. The latter is expecting to be released before

Investigations Under Way.

The Buerau of Prices and Licenses has been investigating prices of petroeum and petroleum products and marketing methods, with a view of stabilizing prices and correcting inequalities where necessary, in order that fair and uniform conditions might, as a far as possible, exist throughout the United States. This bureau also received and

Division of the U. S. Fuel Administra- sought being to insure a supply of | The Bureau of Statistics has considtion is in process of dissolution. An equipment in the fields adequate at all ered and tahulated information relatofficial statement, authorized by Dr. times to the requirements of the pro- ing to field development, production, Harry A. Garfield, U. S. Fuel Administrate. In attaining this end, the bu-pipeline transportation, crude stocks, trator, says: "Several sections of the reau and its field supervisors worked in manufacturing, distribution, imports Oil Division have heen released at their close co-operation with the manufactur- and exports, and miscellaneous inforrequest from further service, because ers, jobbers and consumers of oil well mation regarding the petroleum industhe work which they undertook to do supplies, as well as with their respective try. The bureau furnished the General Director and the other bureaus infor-"Whatever machinery is necessary to The bureau also interested itself in mation essential to enable intelligent the continuation of the full discharge the matter of conservation of material, action upon the problems presented in territory daily. North, eight miles, is

Among the important officials left to co-operate with Director Requa are N. B. Beecher, counsel, and J. W. Williams, director of the Bureau of Special Assignments. Both of these men have given very valuable service and have been able lieutenants in general supervision and direction of the many phases of work carried on by the

Others Still at Work.

Others who still remain in charge of special work for the Division organization are:

Domestic Consumption, C. C. Sheffield, director. Prices and Licenses, A. G. Maguire,

Conservation, W. C. Robinson, di-

Natural Gas, T. B. Gregory, director. Marine Transportation, N. B. Beecher, director.

Engineering, Thomas Cox, director. Refining, G. W. Gray, director.

JAMESTOWN COMPANY AT WORK IN KENTUCKY

The Jamestown-Kentucky Syndicate of Jamestown, New York, announces that it has started operations on the Zerilda Cope farm in Breahtitt county, drilling No. 1. This company is owner of two wells in Warren county and is doing some development work in Pennsylvania.

OWSLEY OIL & GAS CO. MOVES TO THIS CITY

The Owsley Oil and Gas Company, incorporated early in the year with a capital of \$100,000, has moved its offices from Booneville to Lexington. W ogy consisted in giving expert or tech- B. Hall, Fred Estes and L. E. Hall connical advice where necessary, in matters trol this company. They are now drilling their fourth well in Owsley county on Little Sturgeon Creek.

RESULT OF TEST WORK IN ALLEN FAVORABLE

(Continued from Page One) reach Smith's Grove on the L. & N. Railroad or ten miles to reach Scotts-

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C. A. Phelps has completed No. 1 on the Paul Gibson farm, northwest of

Gaines and Brown, of Winchester, ace drilling No. 1 on the John Buchanan farm in the Gainesville pool.

Interesting Pick-Ups.

Among the visitors in the field this week are A. Fleming, of Prestonsburg; E. D. Nix, of St. Louis; J. B. Miller. St. Louis, and Mr. Huntebrinker, o. Charleston, W. Va.

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